

Route Development Plans

PURPOSE STATEMENT

1. Provide 20-year vision of each route within the statewide system that reflects the regional land use and transportation relationship. The vision should be a result of consensus if possible, if not consensus then through systematic development of informed consent between Headquarters and Regions, strategic coordination with RTPO and MPOs, and integration of state, regional and local agency comprehensive plans. Provide a forum for involvement in the state highway planning process for transportation stakeholders*.
2. Serve as a tool, which identifies deficiencies and proposes solutions. These deficiencies and solutions are to be used to update and refine the Highway System Plan. In addition, RDPs maintain a consistent method of deficiency identification by allowing the state highway network to be assessed from a system wide and community network perspective. RDPs identify what state system improvements are appropriate and what local system improvements are needed to keep the state system functioning.
3. Serve as the first step in project development and heritage corridor management plans. Route Development Plans should provide direction to the next step in project delivery for proposed solutions that include multimodal and off-system options. Serving as a source of information gathering, RDPs make early discovery and identification of such elements as environmental, right of way and utility issues possible.
4. Document agreements made internally to WSDOT as well as externally with stakeholders thereby supporting such activities as project delivery, developer review and access management.
5. Serve as a tool for route management between Headquarters and Regions as well as within regional management. The delivery and programming of RDPs and the improvements identified within them should project regional management principles such as financial prioritization and constraint, route continuity and project delivery.

**The term 'stakeholder' is defined as any party potentially affected by actions identified within the RDP such as Regional management, RTPO/MPOs, Headquarters, the general public, tribes, local government and resource agencies.*